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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for responding to the Office Action mailed November 9, 2001.

The requested extension is for one (1) month, extending the period for response to January 9, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension of time fee, \$55.00, and any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355.

Respectfully submitted,

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